(c) It is reported that ir- ^ome projects the I anticipated irrigation potential is not being achieved due to inadequate maintenance.

(d) Irrigation being a State subject, opera tion and maintenance of the irrigation projects :S the responsibility of State Governments.

Prematric Scholarship to Students

1664. SHRI BHAGABAN MAIHI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount earmarked for the pre" matric scholarships to be paid to the students whose parents are engaged in the unclean occupations during 1994-95; and

(b) the provision made for students belonging to SC and ST in the same year?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) An Amount of Rs. 10 crores has been provided for the year 1994-95 for the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Prematric Scholarship for the children of those engaged in unclean occupations.

(b) The Scheme is occupation based and the scholarships under the scheme are admissible to the children whose parents irrespective of their religion or caste are engaged in scavenging of dry latrines and othir unclean occupations i. e. tanning and flaying. Most of the beneficiaries belong to SC & ST. No separate or exclusive provision for students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is made under the Scheme.

Schemes for Mentally retarded, Handicapped Children in Gujarat and Maharashtra

1665. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHI NANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the different schemes for the welfare of mentally retarded, handicapped, blind and destitute children of Gujarat and Maharashtra;

(b) what is the number of Centres working in those States and what are the names of the places where each of them is functioning ;

(c) what are the names of the places where such new centres are proposed to be set up in thase States during the year 1994-95; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) to (d) The schemes in operation are as follows :—

(1) Assistance to organisations for the disabled;

(2) Assistance to Organisations for Manpower Development in Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation;

(3) Assistance to disabled persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids & Appliances ;

(4) Assistance to organisations for Establishment of Special Schools;

(5) Assistance to Organisations for Rehabilatation of Leprosy Cured Persons;

(6) Welfare of Street Children.

(7) Prevention and Control of Juvenile Social Mal-adjustment.

Under the schemes 1 to 6 mentioned above, the Centres are not opened directly by the Ministry. The assistance is given to the voluntary organisations after scrutiny of the proposals as and when received. The list of voluntary organisations through which schemes are being implemented in the two States in question is annexed as Statement *(see* below). Under the Scheme of Prevention and Control of Juvenile Social Maladjustment, establishment of such centres is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Ministry has not received any proposals for establishment of such centres from the State Governments during 1994-95.

Statement

List of Voluntary Organisations Working in Gujarat & Maharashtra for Welfare of Handicapped including Leprosy Cured

MAHARASHTRA :

1. A.W.M.H. Bombay.
2. Apang Kalyan Punarvasan Sanstha, Buldana.
3. Asha Gram Trust, Khargone.
4. Bombay Leprosy Project, Bombay.
5. Community Aid & Sponsorship Programme, Bombay.
6. Edu. Audiology & Research Society, Bombay.
7. Fellowship of the Physically Handicapped, Bombay.
8. Gandhi Seva Trust, Hingoli.
9. Gangamata Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, Biloli.
10. Hellen Keller Instt. for Deaf and Deaf Blind, Byculla (W).
11. Indian Cancer Society, Bombay.
12. Janahibai Shikshan Sansthan, Bombay.
13. K.E.M. Hospital, Pune.
14. Lion Deaf, Dumb & Physically Handicapped, Kopargaon.
15. Matru Seva Sangh, Nagpur.
16. N.S.D. Industrial Home for the Blind, Bombay.
17. NASEOH, Bombay.
18. National Association for the Welfare, Amravati.
19. National Association of the Blind, Bombay.
20. National Federation of the Blind, Bombay.
21. Poona District Leprosy Centre, Pune.
22. Poona School & Home for the Blind Trust, Pune.
23. Pride India, Bombay.
24. Rashtra Sant Tukaoji Maharaj Technical Edu. Society, Nagpur.
25. Research Society for the Care Treatment and Training of Children, Bombay.
26. Shree Sidheshwar Shikshan, Erandsewa.
27. Shree Trust, Bombay.
28. Shree Trust Gurukirpa, Virar.
29. Shri Ganesh Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, Ahmedpur.
30. Shri Kishan Prasarak Mandli, Pune.
31. Society for Education of Crippled (Child & Adult), Bombay.
32. Society for Rehab. of Crippled Children, Bombay.
33. Society for Special Education for the Deaf, Bombay.
34. Society for Vocational Rehab. of Retarded, Bombay.
35. Sriyani Mandal, Sangoli.
36. Suhrad Mandal, Pune.
37. Thane Zila Stree Shakti, Thane.
38. Vidya Bhavan Education Society, Parbhani.
39. Vikas Vidyalaya Janakibhai Sikshan Sanstha, Bombay.
40. Vocational Trg. School & Rehab. Centre Res. Soc. for Care, Treatment of Children in need of Spl. Care, Bombay.

Statement—*contd.*

GUJARAT :

1. Society for the Mentally Retarded, Rajkot.
2. Shri K.K. Institute for the Deaf, Bhavnagar.
3. Blind Men's Association, Ahmedabad.
4. Shri D.S. Parekh Deaf & Dumb School, Surendranagar.
5. Medical Care Centre Trust, Vadodra.
6. Andhjan Vividhlaxi Talim Kendra Jam Nagar, Gujarat.
7. Andhkanya Prakash Gruh, Ahmedabad.
8. Andh Apung Kalyan Kendra, Ahmedabad.
9. Andh Kalyan Kendra, Ahmedabad.
10. Rachnatmak Abhigam Trust.

Withholding the results of OBC Candidates Claiming age relaxation

1666. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the result of about 300 candidates who appeared in the IAS preliminary examination claiming age relaxation through Court Order on the ground of their belonging OBCs has been withheld by the U.P.S C.

(b) whether Government have taken any decision in respect of age relaxation to OBCs in view of the promise given by the Hon'ble Welfare Minister during the last session of Parliament; and

(c) if not, by when Government are going to make a staement in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Results of 437 candidates belonging to various categories including Other Backward Classes were withheld by the UPSC as those candidates had been provisionally admitted to the Preliminary examination on the basis of interim orders passed by the Courts. Out of these, the candidature of 413 candidates has since been cancelled by the Commission as their cases have been dismissed by the respective Courts. In respect of the remaining candidates the cases are still subjudice.

(b) The Government proposes to hold discussions with leaders of political parties on this issue.

(c) No time frame can be indicated at this stage. However, every effort is being made to take a decision as soon as possible.

Residential Schools for SC/ST/OBC Students in the country

1667. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of residential schools for SC/ST/OBC students in the country State-wise/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the estimated number of students enrolled in these schools, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of more such schools proposed to be opened in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the assistance provided by Government under this scheme during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) The total number of residential schools sanctioned for SC/ST students under different Central/Central sector/ Centrally Sponsored Schemes is 297 of which 80 residential schools are being run for SC students and 217 for ST students. The Scheme-wise and State-wise information is given in enclosed Statements-IV *(see* below). There is no sepu.ute Scheme for OBCs.

Besides, a large number of residential schools for SCs and STs are being run by State Governments and Voluntary Organisations.